

HOUSE RESOLUTION 252

By Baird

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Edward Balloff upon receiving the Campbell County Good Scout Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edward Balloff is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; he was recently honored as the recipient of the Campbell County Good Scout Award, a fitting recognition of his laudable contributions to his community; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of Campbell County, Mr. Balloff serves with acumen and alacrity as a lawyer with Basista, Balloff, Scott, and Pollard; and

WHEREAS, he also works assiduously as an elected member of the Board of Directors, Peoples Bank of the South, which he has served since 1960; his bank service includes a remarkable thirty-seven years as Chairman of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a native of LaFollette and a Boy Scout, Mr. Balloff has fond memories of meetings at the old TVA scout cabin near West LaFollette Elementary School and of hiking in the Smokey Mountains; and

WHEREAS, in 1941, Edward Balloff completed his undergraduate degree at Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, he joined the United States Navy in February of 1942 and bravely served his country during both the European and Pacific Theaters, earning distinction as a proud member of America's greatest generation; and

WHEREAS, after his discharge from military service, Mr. Balloff enrolled at Vanderbilt Law School, from which he graduated in 1947, and was admitted to the Tennessee Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Edward Balloff moved back to LaFollette where he joined the family business, owning and operating clothing stores for fifty years; he followed in the fine tradition of his father, a Russian immigrant who, having moved to LaFollette from New York City, began a retail business as a peddler selling goods in the mining camps; and

WHEREAS, at the age of seventy-two and at the urging of Judge Lee Asbury, Mr. Balloff committed himself once more in service to his community, standing as the Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, reflecting the true spirit of volunteerism which is revered by all Scouts, Mr. Balloff lends his time and energies to various civic organizations; since 1950, he has been instrumental since 1950 in raising funds for the Boy and Girl Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Mr. Balloff was bestowed an honorary degree from the University of the Cumberlands in recognition of his development achievements; in addition, he has a strong association with the University of Tennessee men's basketball team and his name is often associated with stories reaching all the way back to the Ray Mears era; and

WHEREAS, Edward Balloff's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Balloff is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate Mr. Edward Balloff upon receiving the much deserved Campbell County Good Scout Award, commend him for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.